29th September 1956]

Beedi Industrial Co-operative at Payyanur, North Malabar

* 283 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras, has received a memorandum signed by 75 workers on 29th July 1956, requesting the Government to take steps to start a Beedi Industrial Co-operative at Payyanur, North Malabar; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Necessary action is being taken by the Director of Industries and Commerce to organize a society.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, are the Government aware that the workers have collected the share amounts and that the money was deposited into the bank. In view of the impending reorganization of the States, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to ask the department to expedite the matter and see that registration is given to the Beedi Co-operative Society at Payyanur as early as possible so that it may be an experiment in the co-operative field?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, that is being looked into.

Milaganoor tank and supply channel

* 284 Q.—Sri P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to a supplementary on question No. 802 on 21st February 1955—

(a) what further work has been executed to the Milaganoor tank and supply channel in Sivaganga taluk, Ramanathapuram district, under the provisions of the Madras Irrigation Works (Repairs, Improvement and Construction) Act (Act XVIII of 1943) and at what cost; and

(b) if no work has been executed, so far, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) & (b) The Milaganoor tank sustained damages during the cyclone in December 1955 and the work of breach closing was completed. As regards the general repairs, an estimate for Rs. 51,500 has been sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer, Special Division, Madurai. The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (Special Division), Sivaganga, has been directed to complete the work of repairs to the tank before the commencement of the irrigation season in October 1956. The Collector of Ramanathapuram has accorded his concurrence to take up the execution of repairs to the tank, and he is taking action to issue notices to all the landholders of Milaganoor village who are responsible for the upkeep of the irrigation tank. The question of executing repairs to the supply channel is under examination.